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GENERAL WALTERS' NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

President Ford today awarded the National Security Medal to Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, retiring Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, in recognition of a truly unique and distinguished career in the intelligence services of his country.

General Walters' intelligence career started early in World War II when he led an intelligence team ashore with the American landings in Morocco. After the war, he held numerous responsible intelligence assignments overseas, was a staff assistant to President Truman concerned with national security questions, and served brilliantly successful tours as Military and Defense Attache in Italy, Brazil and France. In March 1972, General Walters was nominated by President Nixon to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, a position in which he has served with high personal integrity and once again rendered unique and outstanding service with his most unusual talents. General Walters is the first deputy Director of Central Intelligence to receive this award.

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